

Applying for Elk, Antelope and Bighorn Sheep Tags through the Big Game Drawing

General Information

This section provides general information about applying for antelope, elk and Nelson bighorn sheep tags through the annual big game drawing. Application restrictions and requirements for specific species can be found in their respective sections of this booklet.

Application Restrictions

By law, you may only submit one application for each species. Any person submitting multiple applications for the same species will be rejected from the drawing and may be prosecuted.

Applying as a Party (Antelope and Elk)

No more than two persons may apply together as a party. You can not apply as a party for sheep. To be considered as a party, applicants must apply together on the same application. **NOTE:** If your party is drawn for the last available tag, the party leader will be awarded a tag and the party member will become the first alternate for that hunt. Parties drawn as alternates will be awarded unclaimed tags on an individual basis.

Filing Out Your Application

- Remove the application(s) from this booklet.
- If you or your party member applied for last year's big game drawing, you may have received hunter identification labels in the mail. If so, **AFFIX** the party leader's and the party member's (if applicable) hunter identification labels on the application.
- If you do not have hunter identification labels, complete the entire application including the **2005/2006 California hunting license number** for each applicant.
- **REMEMBER** to write each applicant's 2005/2006 California hunting license number on the appropriate space on each application submitted and enter the hunt code in the appropriate space on the application.

Drawing Results

Beginning June 24, 2005, draw results will be available by phone during regular business hours from DFG license sales offices. On that date, applicants can also look up draw results by entering their last name and DMV ID number on the DFG's web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/index.html.

Applications for drawings for antelope, elk and sheep tags must be **RECEIVED** by the DFG's License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento by 5:00 p.m., June 2, 2005.

PLEASE MAIL TO:

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
LICENSE AND REVENUE BRANCH
P O BOX 168014
SACRAMENTO, CA 95816-8014**

NOTE: *If you are applying for more than one species (antelope, elk or sheep) you may submit all applications and ONE payment in the same envelope.*

Late applications will be rejected and NO preference point earned.

Notifying Successful Applicants

Successful applicants and alternates should receive notices in the mail by July 5, 2005.

Notifying Unsuccessful Applicants

Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified by mail.

Payment of Tag Fees

Successful applicants for antelope, elk or sheep tags must submit payment to the DFG's License and Revenue Branch, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 by July 11, 2005. Applicants drawn as an alternate for elk, antelope or sheep will be required to submit payment of tag fees only if they are awarded a tag.

Top 5 Reasons Why Antelope, Elk, and Sheep Applications Are Rejected From The Drawing and NO Preference Point Earned

- ❶ Applications received after the deadline.
- ❷ No hunting license or invalid hunting license entered on applications.
- ❸ No payment received/credit card declined.
- ❹ Applicant is too young to apply.
- ❺ Applicant submitted multiple applications for the same species.

ELK

Application Requirements for Roosevelt, Rocky Mountain and Tule Elk

Applicants must be residents, 12 years of age or older on or before July 1 of the license year for which they are applying and possess a 2005/2006 California hunting license.

Elk Tag Fee

The fee for a 2005/2006 Elk tag is \$303.25.

ANTELOPE

Application Requirements for Pronghorn Antelope

Applicants must be at least 12 years of age or older on or before July 1, 2005 and possess a 2005/2006 California hunting license.

Application Requirements for Junior Antelope Hunts

Applicants must be residents and possess a 2005/2006 California junior hunting license. If drawn, junior hunters must be accompanied by an adult chaperon, 18 years of age or older.

Antelope Tag Fees

The fee for a 2005/2006 Antelope tag is \$101.25.

BIGHORN SHEEP

Application Requirements for Bighorn Sheep

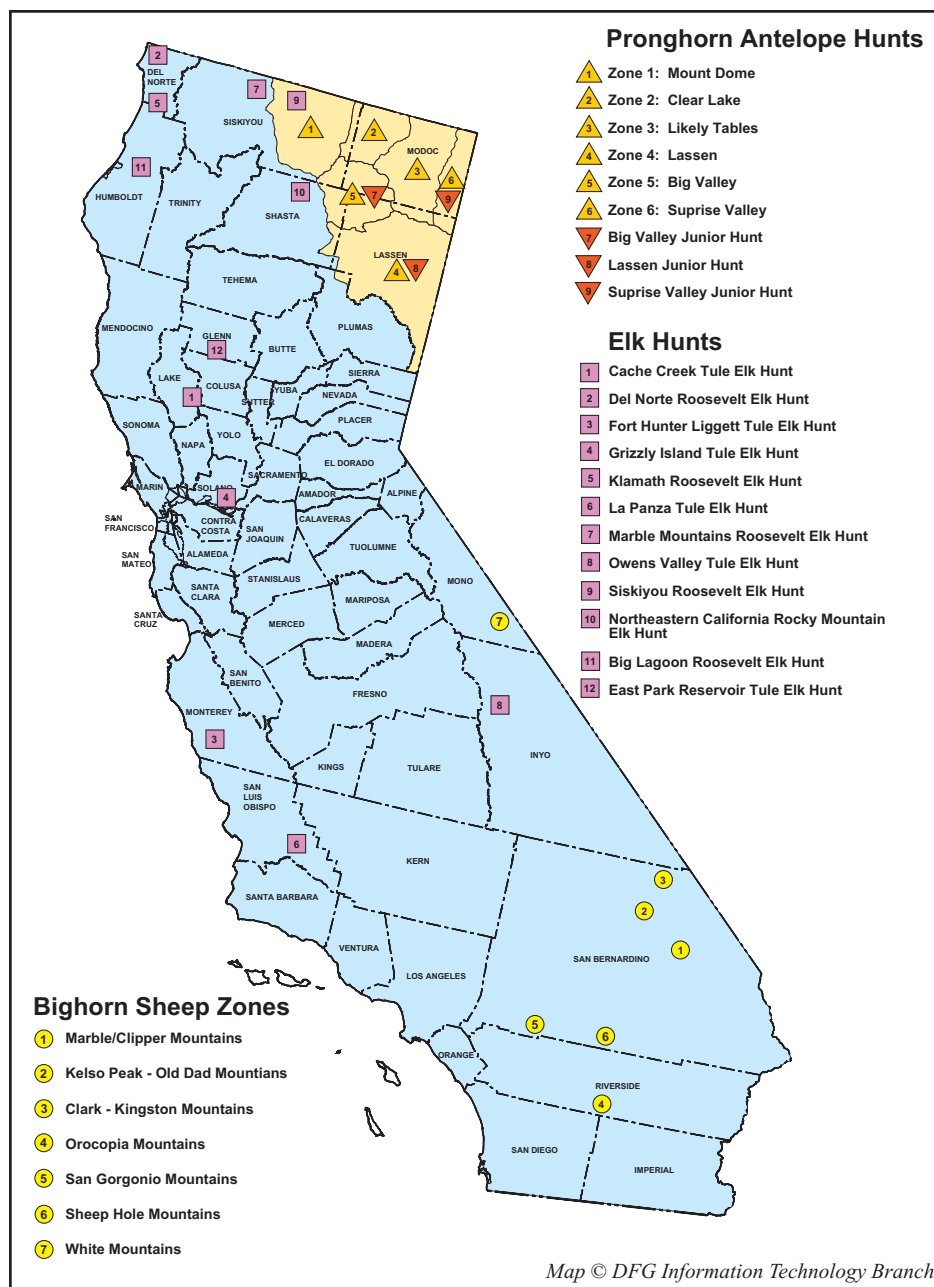
Applicants must be at least 16 years of age or older on or before July 1, 2005 and possess a 2005/2006 California hunting license and must not have received a California bighorn sheep tag in any prior year. Both residents and nonresidents may apply but only one nonresident may be drawn.

Bighorn Sheep Tag Fee

The fee for a 2005/2006 Resident Sheep tag is \$285.75. The fee for a 2005/2006 Nonresident Sheep tag is \$500.00.

Quota Splits for Elk, Pronghorn Antelope and Bighorn Sheep Tags

- For quotas of one (1), the tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of two (2), one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing, and one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of three (3), two (2) tags shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing, and one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of four (4) or more, seventy-five percent (75%) of the quota shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing. The remaining portion of the quota shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.



Bear, Wild Pig and Private Lands Hunts

Application Requirements For Bear

Resident and nonresident hunters, 12 years of age and older, with a 2005/2006 California hunting license. Hunters are limited to one bear tag each license year.

Where to Obtain a Bear Tag

Resident bear tag applications are sold at license agents and some DFG offices. Nonresident bear tag applications are available from DFG offices. Tags are issued in person or by mail at DFG offices.

Bear Hunting Season

Archery bear season opens **August 20, 2005** and runs through **September 11, 2005**. The general season for black bears opens with the general deer hunting seasons in deer zones A, B, C, D, X8, X9A, X9B, X10 and X12, and extends through **December 25, 2005**. In the remaining X zones, the season opens **October 8, 2005** and extends through **December 25, 2005**. When hunters report harvesting 1,700 bears, regulations require the DFG to close the season early.

Refund of Unused Bear Tag Applications

You may request a refund for an unused bear tag application. The deadline for requesting a refund is January 31, 2006. Please allow 12-16 weeks for processing your refund.

Important Reminders for Bear Hunters

- It is illegal to sell bear parts in California. However, you have the right to retain any and all parts of the bear you take, except the skull which becomes the property of the DFG.
- The use of more than one dog per licensed hunter for bear hunting is prohibited in areas when the general deer season is open. A single dog may be used for bear hunting during this period but an unlimited number of dogs may be used after the close of the general deer season.
- You cannot pursue bears with dogs unless you have a valid, unused bear tag in your possession. However, a hunter who does not have a bear tag may be in the field with a hunter who does have a valid bear tag in possession. The hunter possessing

the tag may use your dogs. If you do not have a valid, unused, bear tag you may not possess a firearm, archery gear, crossbow, or other weapon capable of killing or capturing a bear while accompanying a hunter in the act of taking a bear.

- The use of dog retrieval collars equipped with functioning treeing switches is prohibited. Treeing switches change transmitted signals from the radio collar when a dog raises its head to a treed animal.

WILD PIG

Where to Obtain a Pig Tag

Resident and nonresident hunters, 12 years of age and older, with a 2005/2006 California hunting license, may purchase wild pig hunting tags from designated license agents and some DFG offices. There is no limit on the number of wild pig tags one person may purchase, however, tags are nonrefundable and cannot be transferred from one person to another.

Pig Hunting Season

Tags are valid throughout the 2005/2006 license year (July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006). There is no bag or possession limit for wild pig.

PRIVATE LANDS HUNTS

Landowners throughout the state offer hunting opportunities for big game species such as deer, antelope and elk under the DFG's Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management (PLM) Program. Under the program, the Commission may authorize limited numbers of tags for certain species to landowners who agree to protect and improve valuable wildlife habitat in conformance with the DFG's management plans for those species. Landowners may offset their costs for habitat work on their property by charging licensed hunters access and service fees. PLM properties range in size from 340 to 270,000 acres. To ensure that no California hunter takes more than two deer in any license year, hunters must turn in a DFG deer tag application, unsuccessful draw notice or unfilled deer tag to obtain a PLM deer tag. **For a list of participating landowners, contact DFG's Wildlife Programs Branch in Sacramento at (916) 445-3564 or visit our web site at: www.dfg.ca.gov/hunting/deer/plm.html.**